

THE
GRANTS, CONCESSIONS,
AND
ORIGINAL CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE PROVINCE OF
NEW JERSEY
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Passed during the Proprietary Governments, and other
material Transactions before the Surrender
thereof to Queen Anne.

The Instrument of Surrender, and her formal Accept-
ance thereof

Lord CORNBURY'S COMMISSION and Instructions Conse-
quent thereon,

Collected by some Gentlemen employed by the General Assembly.
And afterwards

Published by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province
With proper Tables alphabetically Digested, containing the prin-
cipal Matters in the Book.

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NOTE TO SECOND EDITION.

THE original edition of this volume of GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS was printed by William Bradford, of Philadelphia, as the imprint states ; but the exact year is unknown. Griffith, in his *Law Register*, vol. iv., states that it was "about 1751 or 1752," which is, perhaps, as nearly correct as can now be ascertained. It is the second, in order, of the compilations of the laws of New Jersey—the first being *Kinsey's Acts*, of 1732.

In reprinting the original GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS, copies of which have become scarce, we have endeavored to make the work an exact duplicate of the Bradford edition in the paging, spelling and punctuation. In a few instances, errors clearly typographical, as misplacement of letters, have been corrected ; but the unique and in-consonant spelling, and the equally curious punctuation, have been, as a rule, strictly maintained. The only perceptible difference is in capitalization and italicizing. It was thought unnecessary and unwise to follow the original in these respects, because of the greater difficulty in reading the text, and because no one, in any printed quotations from such old works, at this day, would retain those particular typographical oddities.

It is true the original edition had, as is believed, some slight errors in it, which were the fault of the transcribers from the English or Colonial records, or of the printer, or both ; but these we have not undertaken to correct, inasmuch as only a comparison of every word with the ancient documents themselves (could they be found) would enable one to discover wherein the 1752 edition was at fault. This no person is likely ever to undertake : and the utmost that will be expected of the present publishers is, that this edition shall conform to that of 1752.

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ny persons as they shall think fit, not exceeding seven, to make orders from time to time, such as may be suitable and beneficial for every town, village, hamlet, or neighbourhood, for preventing all harms by swine, in town, meadows, pastures and gardens, in any respect, and to impose penalties according to their best discretions.

Chap. VIII.

An Act appointing some new Commissioners of the Highways.

WHEREAS there was an act made in the year 1682, for the county of Monmouth, to enable Col. Lewis Morris, John Bound, and Joseph Parker, to lay out highways, passages, ferry's, and making bridges and such like; there being three of those persons disenabled for the true performance of the said services, *be it therefore enacted* by the Governor, Council and Deputies now met and assembled, and by the authority of the same, that John Frogmerton, John Slocame, and Nicholas Brown, in the stead and room of Col. Lewis Morris, John Bound, and Joseph Parker, be made capable and hereby invested with the same power to all intents and purposes in the said premises, as the aforesaid Col. Lewis Morris, John Bound, and Joseph Parker, were by the said acts.

Chap. IX.

An Act against wearing Swords, &c.

WHEREAS there hath been great complaint by the inhabitants of this Province, that several persons wearing swords, daggers, pistols, dirks, stilladoes, skeines, or any other unusual or unlawful weapons, by reason of which several persons in this Province, receive great abuses, and put in great fear and quarrels, and challenges made, to the great abuse of the inhabitants of this Province. *Be it therefore enacted* by the Governor, and Council, and Deputies now met in General Assembly, and by authority of the same, that no person or persons within this Province, presume to send any challenge in writing, by word of mouth,

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or message, to any person to fight, upon pain of being imprisoned during the space of six months, without bail or mainprize, and forfeit ten pounds; and whosoever shall except of such challenge, and not discover the same to the Governor, or some publick officer of the peace, shall forfeit the sum of ten pounds; the one moiety of the said forfeiture to be paid unto the Treasurer for the time being, for the public use of the Province, and the other moiety to such person or persons as shall discover the same, and make proof thereof in any court of record within this Province, to be recovered by the usual action of debt, in any of the said courts. *And be it further enacted* by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons after publication hereof, shall presume privately to wear any pocket pistol, skeines, stilladers, daggers or dirks, or other unusual or unlawful weapons within this Province, upon penalty for the first offence five pounds, and to be committed by any justice of the peace, his warrant before whom proof thereof shall be made, who is hereby authorized to enquire of and proceed in the same, and keep in custody till he hath paid the said five pounds, one half to the public treasury for the use of this Province, and the other half to the informer: And if such person shall again offend against this law, he shall be in like manner committed (upon proof thereof before any justice of the peace) to the common gaol, there to remain till the next sessions, and upon conviction thereof by verdict of twelve men, shall receive judgment to be in prison six month, and pay ten pounds for the use aforesaid. *And be it further enacted* by the authority aforesaid, that no planter shall ride or go armed with sword, pistol, or dagger, upon the penalty of five pounds, to be levied as aforesaid, excepting all officers, civil and military, and soldiers while in actual service, as also all strangers, travelling upon their lawful occasions thro' this Province, behaving themselves peaceably.